

## **Minutes of the Executive Committee**

**22nd October 2007, at 12 noon**  
**at Fire Service Headquarters,**  
**Lancaster Circus Queensway, Birmingham**

**Present:** Councillor Howard (Chairman);  
Councillor Ward (Vice-Chairman);  
Councillors S Davis, Foster, Hinton, Idrees and Jackson.

**Observers:** Councillors Birbeck, Douglas-Maul, Gazey, Mulhall, Singh,  
Tagger and Turner and Messrs Bagley and Topliss.

### 55/07 **Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meetings held on 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> July and 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2007 be approved as a correct record.

### 56/07 **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

**Resolved** that the public and press be excluded from the rest of the meeting to avoid the possible disclosure of exempt information under Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 for the following reasons:

Minutes No 57/07 and 58/07 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person [including the authority holding that information].

### 57/07 **Bids for the Sale of the former Fire Service Stores, Oughton Road**

The Committee opened one bid received in respect of the sale of the former Fire Service Stores.

The estimated value of the premises was £780,000.

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The Committee considered whether to re-advertise the land for sale as only one bid had been received, but decided in the light of the current market conditions to proceed on the basis of the single bid.

**Resolved** that subject to:-

- (a) the checking of the bid;
- (b) the preparation of a formal contract by the Clerk;
- (c) any necessary comments from the Government Departments concerned;

the bid submitted by Storyclose Ltd in the sum of £809,480.00 be accepted.

**58/07     Oracle Computer Software Licences**

The Committee considered a report seeking approval to the purchase of a package of Oracle software licences through the Office of Government and Commerce (OGC) procurement route. The software would form the core element of the Brigade's Integrated Back Office System and in particular would provide a Human Resources Management System (HMRS).

The supplier had offered the licences and support package at a greatly discounted rate if a full E-Business package was purchased, and there was the potential for future savings if the Authority wanted to add further modules to the package in due course. The full package would cost less than purchasing the HRMS applications alone.

The capital and revenue costs could be met from existing budgets.

**Resolved** that the procurement of the E-Business package of Oracle Computer Software Licences at a cost of £90,130 plus annual support costs of £19,800 be approved, and that an exception to procurement standing orders be granted in accordance with Paragraph 2.15 (b) thereof to enable the purchase to be made through the OGC procurement route.

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(Meeting ended at 12.06 pm)

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